APPENDIX

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CONTINUING REPORTS ON THE ALA MIDWINTER MEETING
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CATALOGING CODE REVISION COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Catalog Code Revision Committee (CCRC) was held January 17-18. One of the principal agenda items was the second edition of the *AACR:* 1) A report was made on recommendations received by the committee to date for changes to be included in the second edition; exhibition catalogs and uniform titles were two of the problem areas mentioned. 2) Carolyn McMillen reported for the Descriptive Cataloging Committee on a survey of DCC files to identify discussions of problem areas which did not result in conclusive rule revision. These unresolved problems will be submitted for consideration as work on the second edition proceeds. 3) Liaison with other bodies, both within and outside ALA, will be maintained by CCRC as it participates in work on the second edition; news about this work will be published in the professional literature; and a regular publication of CCRC minutes will appear in *Library Resources & Technical Services.* 4) Sanford Berman, ALA representative to CCRC from the Social Responsibilities Round Table, proposed that the second edition would be the proper time for eliminating sex bias in the *AACR,* for example both the use of exclusively masculine pronouns when referring to the cataloger, and the disproportionately large number of examples which give a man's name rather than that of a woman. CCRC declared its intention to work toward the elimination of these two evidences of sex bias in the second edition. 5) The completion of a bibliography of published material relating to the *AACR* was reported; it was recommended that this be submitted to DCC for publication and distribution as a possibly useful tool in second edition work.

Other agenda items included the following: 1) The British participants in rule revision sent word that conclusions on the rewriting of rule 43 could not be reached and that further deliberations on this particular matter would have to become part of the work on the second edition of the *AACR.* 2) The Library of Congress reported on the status of Chapter 12: The second draft of the revision is now being typed and duplicated at LC and will be submitted to CCRC, the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and other interested parties by the end of January. 3) The Canadian Committee on Cataloguing sent word that for the states of the United States and the provinces of Canada, the substitution of post office abbreviations for those in the Appendix of the *AACR* would meet with favor. 4) The subcommittee appointed to study machine-readable data files made an interim report on progress and indicated plans for additional meetings. 5) A letter to the ALA Council on the ISBD provisions of the revised Chapter 6 was discussed. This letter, signed by Maurice J. Freeman, Sanford Berman, Marvin H. Scilken, and Joan Marshall, states that while "devised to serve the bibliographic needs of a relatively few academic and research libraries" the ISBD provisions "will prove costly to the mass of school and public libraries." Mr. Berman, in speaking to CCRC about the letter, thought that such cataloging practices tend to mystify and alienate the clientele of small libraries. He further suggested that all might be satisfied if the Library of Congress would offer in non-ISBD format a second set of cards for all CIP titles. The Library reported that the production of two such cards for each CIP title, one ISBD and the other non-ISBD, is theoretically within the capacity of the automated system but an actual impossibility due to the enormous cost of maintaining two separate data bases. After some discussion CCRC voted to disagree with the letter in a statement of position to be forwarded to council.

For the purposes of studying specific aspects of rule revision, CCRC is divided into a number of teams, each charged with a specific rule or rules. Much of the remainder of the two-day session was taken up with separate deliberations by these teams, which included a discussion of the proposed ISBD for serials. [*Benny R. Tucker,*]

FEDERAL LIBRARIANS ROUND TABLE EXECUTIVE BOARD

At its midwinter meeting on Monday, January 20, the Federal Librarians Round Table Executive Board considered a number of items of importance to Federal librarians in the coming months. Chief among these were reports on new and continuing projects, including program plans for the annual conference of ALA in San Francisco.

Stanley Bougas, Chairman of a Joint Preconference Planning Committee, reported on progress in planning

a Preconference on Issues in Federal Librarianship to be held on Saturday, June 28, in San Francisco. This preconference, jointly sponsored by the Federal Librarians Round Table, the Armed Forces Librarians Section of the Public Library Association, and the Federal Librarians Association, will feature topics in Federal Library Automation, Continuing Education for Federal Librarians, and Career Management.

Barbara Coleman, President of the Armed Forces Librarians Section, reported on the plans for the joint FLIRT/AFLS luncheon to be held in San Francisco.

William Gosling, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported on plans for increasing membership. Included among these plans will be the followup of anticipated responses to the combined questionnaire and membership application inserted into issues of the latest *FLIRT Newsletter* (Vol. III, Nos. 1-2).

New business introduced included discussion of a combined FLIRT/AFLS booth at San Francisco. Those present endorsed the joint luncheon, the preconference, and the joint booth as welcome expressions of continued useful sharing of activities of Federal librarian organizations within the American Library Association. [*Joseph W. Price*]

HRLSD LSBPH MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The major part of the Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Membership Committee meeting of January 21 was devoted to discussing a proposal that an ad hoc Membership Committee be formed to begin work immediately on a membership campaign for the Health and Rehabilitative Library Services Division. It was decided that a promotional brochure should be ready for release no later than February 28. An informal meeting was arranged to prepare the contents of the brochure, and possible sources of mailing lists were identified and procedures for mailing discussed.

Additional methods of membership promotion were mentioned. It was decided that while the production and mailing of a brochure would take first priority, posters and magazine articles would be considered in the future. It will also be of utmost importance for the section's membership committee, acting in tandem with the division's ad hoc Membership Committee, to prepare a long range plan for promoting membership for presentation at the San Francisco conference. [*Donna M. Kemme*]